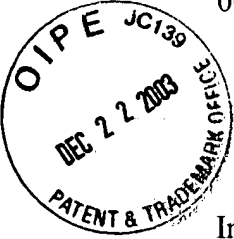


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Japanese document is enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 5,806,005
Japan 9-307794

It is noted that the document Japan 9-307794 is discussed in the specification of the subject application and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there. For the Examiner's convenience, an English language abstract for the Japanese document has been located and is enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. In addition, it is noted that U.S. Patent 5,806,005 is an English language counterpart of Japan

9-307794 and therefore, the concise explanation of relevance for the non-English language document is believed to be satisfied by the U.S. counterpart.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicant with the next communication.

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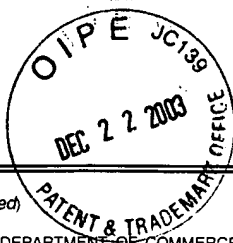
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